

The Traffic Division is responsible for enforcing all laws and regulations related to traffic and parking. The daily duties and responsibilities include:

- Provides selective enforcement to streets and intersections to diminish the inherent dangers posed by persons who violate motor vehicle laws and parking restrictions.
- Provide for pedestrian safety programs especially designed to assist the elderly crossing our busy streets.
- The Division records, investigates motor vehicle accidents and takes legal action when appropriate.
- The Division arranges traffic patterns for emergencies, demonstrations, public events and other exigencies.
- The Division works in partnerships with the schools to provide safety instructions for students who travel to school by bus. All bus drivers are registered and security checks are made to insure overall safety for the students.
- The Division works closely with the Brookline Transportation Department to assist and resolve parking problems and concerns.
- The Division also provides for the supervision of 31 traffic posts.

The Brookline Traffic and Records Division is comprised of 10 sworn Officers, 9 Traffic Control Supervisors, 14 School Traffic Supervisors, and 6 civilian office personnel. All sworn traffic investigators have highly advanced traffic investigation training. These Officers investigate personal injury, hit & run, and property damage accidents. They also concentrate enforcement in high accident locations, and address a multitude of other traffic and parking problems. Traffic Control Supervisors enforce parking regulations while School Traffic Supervisors assist children to and from school. The office staff in the Traffic and Records Division performs a number of important tasks. They process all parking and traffic data, and handle thousands of archived and current police documents.

The Traffic and Records Division was recognized in 2007 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for excellence, and continues to improve traffic safety in Brookline through the use of advanced technology.

BPD Traffic Division Programs

Selective Enforcement: Is a program that investigates moving traffic complaints. The

complaints usually involve speeding; however, we field and have confirmed complaints of illegal turns, wrong way violations, etc. Speeding enforcement involves a site review,

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analysis, identification of high violation counts, directed enforcement, and follow up. Thousands of violations have been written since the program's inception in 2004.

Contact the BPD Traffic Division at 67-730-2230 if you believe you have a significant traffic problem.

Child Safety Seat Program: Through state and federal grants, the BPD inspects and installs over 800 child safety seats annually. The importance of this program can't be understated - 94% of ALL child safety seats are installed improperly. To make an appointment to have your child seat inspected, please call 617-730-2603.

Traffic Hot Spot Enforcement: Based on analysis of crash prone locations, officers are assigned to "Hot Spots" during periods w/ high incidences. Fatalities had decreased consistently since the inception of the program.

Speed Monitor Board: We have acquired an advanced speed monitor board. This radar equipped board measures the oncoming vehicle's speed, flashes this speed on the illuminated board to alert motorists of their traveling speed. Making effective, productive use of this technology is essential to this division's commitment to meet the service needs of the community.

Hackney (Cab) ID Program: Via a dedicated hackney officer, the fleet of cab drivers is thoroughly screened through an extensive background investigation and regular monitoring. BPD works closely with the DPW to inspect each and every Brookline cab, and regularly review driver performance.

Taxicab Complaints: If you would like to file a complaint against a Taxicab, please [print and complete this form](#)

Don't Block the Box: A neighborhood-based program that originated at the intersection of Cypress St and Brington Road. Traffic issues are addressed working w/ DPW through environmental design and enforcement.

School-Area Focused Enforcement (SAFE): SAFE was developed as a result of complaints from school parents regarding traffic and pedestrian safety around schools. Officers are assigned at complaint areas during drop off/pick up.

Traffic Investigations: The BPD has two of the highest trained Traffic Reconstructionists in the State. In fact, every traffic officer has advanced training. Their expertise is regularly sought by other jurisdiction due to their "Black Box" analysis training.

Handicapped Parking Enforcement: The Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program is designed to decrease and deter the misuse of handicapped parking. There are approximately 170,000 handicapped placards in Massachusetts. By educating and enforcing the laws surrounding handicapped parking, BPD hopes to help eliminate widespread abuse.

When an officer determines someone is in violation of the law, the officer issues a Uniform Traffic Citation and parking ticket (Code 1- \$100.00). The operator is cited under Chapter 90 Sec. 2 - Plate/Placard Misuse-\$500.00.

It is the operator/owner's responsibility to prove the placard is validly utilized. Officers who encounter persons unwilling to cooperate and identify themselves can write a citation and parking ticket. A follow up with the RMV is also undertaken by the Accessibility Compliance Officer.

Pedestrian Safety Program: The Pedestrian Safety Program is designed to decrease the number of pedestrian accidents, motor vehicle violations, and pedestrian violations.

There are two aspects of this program – public education and enforcement. Public education involves handouts and other awareness efforts to help make the public aware of various dangers facing pedestrians.

These efforts include proper street crossing behavior, informing rules of the road, the dangers of aggressive driving, the nature and extent of traffic-related pedestrian injuries and crashes. Voluntary compliance is a goal of this program. Enforcement involves the issuance of a citation under MGL 90-18a. The fine, however, is \$1 for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offense, and must be issued as a Town by-law violation. BPD is working w/ the Town in an effort to increase penalties so that there is a higher rate of compliance.

School Bus Safety Program: The BPD has worked with the School Department to screen bus drivers, review safety procedures, and identify problem areas and bus stops. As a result of this cooperative effort, multiple citations have been issued and school bus stops have actually been relocated to safer locations.

Road Projects: The Traffic Division oversees the assignment of officers to road projects. Officers are deployed to worksites when vehicle and pedestrian traffic is affected. Officers are also deployed to private function when there's a compelling need for police service.

Hit & Run investigations: Specially trained officers investigate hit-and-run accidents. Officers are restricted to public access ways; depending on the extent of injury and property damage, though, these officers may examine the location, canvass for witnesses, and, in serious bodily injury cases, reconstruct the entire accident scene.

Meter Division: The Traffic Divisions oversee the collection, calculation, safekeeping and deposit the large amount of coinage received at the ~ 2,500 meters in Brookline. These meters yield annual revenue of ~ \$2,000,000.

Meter Debit Cards: Available in the lobby of the Public Safety Building at 350 Washington Street are meter debit cards. These cards may be purchased by cash, visa or mastercard.

Citation Analysis: The Traffic Division regularly analyzes RMV citations written by each and

every officer. A monthly report to the Chief of Police is prepared and distributed, and a review is undertaken of all non-inventory searches.

Records Division: Records Division personnel review and screen every report submitted at BPD. BPD reports under the strict standards of the Federal NIBRS reporting system. This ensures accurate, timely, and complete information is stored within the extensive records systems.

Parking Tickets: Parking Violation notices may be returned by mail, personally, or by an authorized person to the Brookline Police Department. Parking tickets issued are indexed by computers. If you would like to question or appeal a ticket, please consult the back of the ticket for the appropriate days and times that hearings are held. No appointment is necessary. In the event of holidays, please phone for confirmation of the hearing schedule. Payment options: cash or check. Cash only if you need a release for a towed car.

Parking ticket hearings are held at the Public Safety Building, 350 Washington Street in the Traffic Division as follows:

- Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:45pm
- Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:15 am
- Hearings may also be done by mail. Instructions are on the back of the ticket.

Further questions may be directed to the Traffic Division, telephone 617-730-2230 or fax to 617-738-6690.

Monthly Parking Questions: Questions concerning monthly parking should be directed to the Transportation Department at 617-730-2177.

Overnight Guest Parking Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Brookline overnight guest parking program?

As a Brookline resident, you may purchase an overnight guest parking permit that will allow your guest to park in a designated parking space reserved by the town for overnight guest parking. Parking on-street or in a public lot where overnight parking is not allowed may subject you to a parking fine. An overnight guest parking permit entitles the holder to park in a guest space between the hours of 11 PM and 9 AM on weekdays, and between 11 PM and 10 AM on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. An overnight guest parking pass does not guarantee the holder that a guest parking space will be available in the lot closest to their residence.

Where are the parking spaces for overnight guests located?

The town has designated a total of seventy- seven (77) parking spaces for overnight guest use. Spaces are available in the Centre Street East Lot (20 spaces), the Babcock Street lot (18 spaces), the Kent/Webster Street lot (16 spaces), the Webster Street East lot (13 spaces) or the Fuller Street lot (10 spaces). Please park in those spaces that have been reserved with a green and white overnight guest parking sign. If you park in any other spaces, you may be found in violation of the overnight parking ban and be fined.

Where can I purchase a guest overnight parking permit?

Guest overnight parking permits can be purchased for a daily fee of \$10.00 from the automatic ticket dispense in the lobby of the Public Safety Building at 350 Washington Street. Simply

insert the appropriate amount in the indicated slot and a ticket will be dispensed from the machine.

The ticket dispensing machine accepts \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills only. The machine cannot dispense change when other bills are used. Credit cards are not accepted at this time, although they may be in the future. A Brookline parkcard also cannot be used to purchase a guest parking pass.

What do I get when I purchase a guest parking permit?

You will receive a ticket with a date on the front. This ticket must be displayed on the dashboard of the guest vehicle in clear view so that police officers who patrol the overnight guest parking lots can see it.

When should I purchase a guest parking pass and does it expire after a specified amount of time?

You must purchase the guest parking pass on the day in which you intend to use it. Guest parking passes expire the morning after the day of purchase.

For a Map of guest parking locations, click the following:

[Small Map \(30k\)](#)

[Large Map \(55k\)](#)

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